

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2017



**St. Cyril Church**

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**Parish Office Hours:**

Tuesday & Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
(Bulletin items need to be in by 4:00 pm Tuesday prior.)

**Liturgical Schedule:**

**Saturday @ St Peter\*** 4:30 pm  
**Sunday @ St Peter\*** 8:30 am  
**Sunday** 10:30 am  
\* St. Peter Parish, 404 S. Wood Street, Chesaning

**Weekday Schedule:**

**Word & Communion Every Third Friday:** 9:00 am  
**Wednesday Mass:** 9:00 am  
**Thursday Mass @ St Peter** 8:00 am

**Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** Sunday, 11:30 am

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office.

**Baptism:** Please contact Margaret Horak at 862-5027 to make arrangements.

**Marriage:** Engaged couples must contact the priest at least six (6) months prior to anticipated date of marriage. Weddings are not celebrated during the Lenten Season.

**Sick or Homebound:** If someone in your family or neighborhood is *Sick or homebound*, please contact the Parish Office. When entering a hospital, please register as a member of Saint Cyril Parish and notify the parish office.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to Saint Cyril Parish. Please call or stop by the parish office to register for our parish family.

**Sun February 19** 10:30 am **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
People of St. Cyril  
**Mon February 20** No Mass  
**Tues February 21** No Mass  
**Wed February 22** 9:00 am **The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle**  
Janice Chapko by Altar Society  
**Thu February 23** No Mass **St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**  
**Fri February 24** No Mass  
**Sat February 25** No Mass  
**Sun February 26** 10:30 am **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
People of St. Cyril

† <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> †	
<b>February 12, 2017</b>	
<b>45-Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$1,511.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>190.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>5-Special Needs:</b>	<b>52.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,753.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/17.....</b>	<b>(\$3,193.00)</b>

**Greeters for Feb.** Cliff & Carol Clark  
Jim & Diane Korienek  
**Ushers for February** John Fabus, Jim Fabus, Jr.  
Ed J. Fornusek, Ed F. Fornusek

**Money Counters** **Knight of the month –Feb.**  
**February 14** Robert Garcia  
Marilyn Kuchar and Alice Steavens

**Family of the month-February**  
Kirk & Renee Amman

**Altar Servers:** Feb. 19-volunteers needed

**Sacristans:** Feb. 19–Margaret Horak

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
**Feb. 19**–John & Carol Chvojka and Diane Kusnier

**Lectors:** Feb. 19–Sonja Homer and Margaret Horak

**Stewardship Message:** In today’s first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that—to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.



**Faith Formation:** The next class will be Sunday, March 5th at 9:00 am.

**Baptism of Children:** Are you in need of having a child baptized? Please contact Margaret Horak at 862-5027 to set up class and arrangements.

**Altar Society Dues:** Ladies, it is that time of year. Our dues are owed; same low price of \$5.00. You may put your dues in an envelope marked “Altar Society dues” and your name in the collection basket.

**Lenten Penance Service:** St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns will be having a Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 pm.

**Altar Cleaning:** The ladies cleaning the altar for February are: Jo Meiser and Maureen Polash. This will be done on Friday, February 24th at 9:00 am

**Found:** An outdoor timer was found in the church parking lot last week. Please call Joanne Forgarty at 862-5408 for more information.

**Ave Maria Radio Show Host Sister Sarah Burdick is Coming to Saginaw:**

Join Sister Sarah Burdick, SGL, for a Lenten retreat from 7:30 pm Friday, March 31st (registration and social begin at 6 pm) and ends at 11 am on Sunday, April 2nd, which will include meditation on Sacred Scripture and prayerful silence. Sister Burdick will be drawing on the wisdom of saints both ancient and modern to explore what it means to live a life of deep union with the Lord. More information about the retreat is available by calling 989-797-6607 or emailing ckaczynski@dioceseofsaginaw.org. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 22nd.

**Trip to Fatima:** Please join us on our Trip to Fatima October 10-11, 2017 for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Mary’s last apparition. Check out the itinerary and details at www.classictravelusa.com/fatima. Please contact Tanya Thelen at 517-204-5706 for further information.



**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** Charles Olson, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, Ann Remenar, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan Smolka, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

**The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic**

**Women:** Will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese in the Center for Ministry at the Diocese of Saginaw on Saturday, March 18th. The day’s activities start at 9 am (registration begins at 8:30 am) and will end at approximately 3:30 pm. The retreat leader will be Fr. Andy Booms and the theme will be: *The Holy Triduum*. The cost for the day is \$22 (in advance) and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary & Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Rita Genigeski (989) 793-3377) by **March 12th**.



**Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner:** Mark your calendars! St. Peter Parish is having a chicken dinner on Saturday, February 25th, 5-6:30 pm in the parish hall. The menu is: chicken, mashed potatoes/with gravy, green beans, glazed carrots, rolls, coleslaw, beverages and ice cream. Adults are \$10; children 4-12 \$5 and 3 and under are free. There will be kid activities throughout the dinner as well. Proceeds to the Youth Ministry programs.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy**

**2017:** We often hear stories of people who give of themselves way beyond expectation, who help another at personal expense, who spend holidays feeding the hungry. We have so many ways of saying and doing this gospel. Although we all know people who are takers rather than givers, who are stingy and selfish, who are minimalists when it come to relating others, our first impulse is to believe in the goodness and generosity of people.

Although we don’t always do what Jesus says in this gospel—turn from retaliation, give more than is asked, love beyond what is easy—we do have a sense that what Jesus is asking of us is how we would want the community in which we live to be characterized.

In our treatment of one another—even those who are our enemies—Jesus challenges us to go beyond what is expected, beyond what we might think is responsible or even achievable. We are to go beyond what is human to what is divine: “Be holy” as God is holy, “be perfect” as God is perfect. On our own, this is impossible! Only because of God’s love for us expressed in the life of Jesus who teaches us rightly, is this possible. Only when we experience God’s love for us first, is this possible.

Jesus commands us to keep the law in a radically different way. We are duty-bound as “children of the heavenly Father” to do more than simply what is mandated. We are to go beyond our natural expectation about keeping laws to embrace the divine excess with which God treats us. Acting toward others as God acts towards us transforms us to “be perfect” as God. This radical living of the law makes divine blessings, grace, and holiness to be real, visible, and at hand for us.